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OF THE

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OF HEALTH

AND

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To The Chairman and Members of the Selby Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my twenty-first Annual Report on the health of the Selby Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1967.

There appears to be a steady increase in the population of the District in recent years. The Registrar General estimates that the population is now 1,723 more than at the census of 1961. Recent development has led to the influx of new families, and this is reflected in the increased number of births.

181 live births were registered, an increase of 22, giving a Birth Rate of 21.9 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 25.0). The aggregate rate for W.R. Rural Districts was 18.4 and for England and Wales 17.7. The Birth Rate is the highest for forty-four years. There were no stillbirths. Three infant deaths occurred, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 16.6 and a Perinatal Mortality Rate of 11.0, which compares favourably with 19.4 and 24.4 for the rural districts and 18.3 and 25.4 for England and Wales respectively.

75 deaths occurred, giving a Crude Death Rate of 9.1 (Adjusted Death Rate 10.6). 32 (42.7%) deaths occurred at the age of 75 years or over, and of these 15 were over 80 years of age and 4 over 90. Births exceeded deaths by 106.

14 cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred, 10 of these being measles.

Cervical Cytology.

During the year, and including the last few weeks of 1966, 283 women of Selby R.D. were tested at the County Clinic by my two women medical officers. Malignant cells of potential cancer of the neck of the womb were discovered in one case and suspicious cells in two others. It is not possible to give an accurate total of all women examined as an unknown number, probably relatively few however, will have been tested by their own doctors, in hospital clinics and family planning clinics, but I do not think a guess of about 15% of the women at risk would be far out. Taking into account a further 76 tests this year and the slump in applications it seems obvious that all the women wise enough to make sure have now been tested. What can I say to help the others to a decision? If it is fear of what might be found that makes them hesitate they should remember that for 99% of women the result is reassuring. The very few with positive results have been most thankful that their trouble has been found in time. If it is fear of the actual test I admit that it is a bit of a nuisance but the test is carried out in ideal clinic conditions by skilled personnel, takes only a few minutes and is quite painless. If it is shyness why not come with a friend or two? Appointments for groups to be tested at the same session can be made on request. Women's clubs and neighbourhood groups can be accommodated. A further valuable service is included in the clinic test—all women are examined to eliminate early signs of cancer of the breast. I hope all women between the ages of 21 and 60 years will get with it in the near future and join the Be-Sure-Bevy.

G.P. Co-operation.

The County Council has decreed that when enough staff is available public health nurses should be attached by mutual agreement to general practices. When this happens the nurses will no longer serve within a specified area or district. This policy implements the belief that a closer partnership between general practitioners and nurses will be advantageous to both and should provide a better and more knowledgeable nursing service to the public. During 1967 the scheme was brought into operation in this Division for Home Nurses and partially for Midwives, and will be applied eventually to Health Visitors. So after several decades the term "District Nurse" has disappeared and the term "District Midwife" will disappear, to be replaced by "Attached Home Nursing Sister" and "Attached Domiciliary Midwife." The new system is best explained to the public in this way. If you are a patient of Dr. A then your home nurse is Sister B, and your midwife, where and when applicable, is Nurse C. Nurses B and C will attend the patients of Dr. A anywhere in the Selby and Goole Division and adjacent parts of the West Riding. As there are over twenty general practitioners working in the Division and only seven nursing sisters and eight midwives, the nurses are attached to two or more practices. Although the nurses arrange their routine day to day duties in consultation with their general practitioners they remain salaried officers of the County Council responsible to the Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional Nursing Officer. Of course there are disadvantages in this arrangement. Instead of one nurse attending all patients in a particular district or village, it is possible to have two or three nurses visiting the patients of different doctors in the same street at the same time. This can cause some loss of time and increased travelling costs but in general it is felt that the new scheme is a step in the right direction towards a more integrated health service.

Mental Health.

The Rawcliffe Training Centre for the severely subnormal, which serves Selby, Goole and Thorne, is a continuing hive of industry, social and educational training. The juniors achieve much more than they possibly could vegetating in their own homes. The adults have the satisfaction of learning to do something useful however elementary and seeing an end product to which they have contributed. The adult wings are overcrowded and the new building scheduled for 1969 will be most welcome. Two private contracts have been secured for the adult males, the manufacture of mushroom trays and the grouting of polystyrene. The instructors are prepared to consider other private contracts.

October saw the opening of a training swimming pool in the patio. This has been generously provided and largely constructed by the Round Table Clubs of Selby and District and Goole and District. The pool, which is the first one in a West Riding Training Centre, is equipped with filtration and chlorination plant and the water is heated so that the pool can be in use throughout the year. It is hoped that a good proportion of the trainees will be taught to swim and those with some spasticity may derive hydrotherapeutic benefit. The pool also provides much enjoyment. Several visits of inspection have been paid by interested parties from other training centres.

Finally, I must record my thanks for the continued support by the Members and Officers of the Council during 1967.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

August 1968.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1967

Area of Rural District	....	....	....	33,304 acres
Population (mid 1967)	....	....	....	8,260
Number of Houses	....	....	....	2,764
Rateable Value (April 1968)	....	....	....	£191,644
Product of Penny Rate (Est. 1968/69)	....	....	....	£743/15/8

VITAL STATISTICS

	SELBY R.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding R.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	21.9	17.9	18.0	17.2
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes	9.1	9.7	11.2	11.2
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.02	0.03	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0.03	0.03	0.04
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	0.85	1.11	1.30	—
Malignant Neoplasms	1.69	1.77	2.08	2.28
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	2.54	3.64	4.26	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2.18	1.48	1.73	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	16.6	19.4	19.2	18.3
STILLBIRTHS	0	14.0	15.2	14.8
PERINATAL MORTALITY	11.0	24.4	26.1	25.4
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.42	0.22	0.20

Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.14	Adjusted Birth Rate, 25.0
For Deaths, 1.16	Adjusted Death Rate, 10.5

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES, 1967 **AND MEAN RATES FOR DICENNIAL PERIODS**

BIRTH RATE = 21.9

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	....	....	26.0	1931-1940	....	....	14.5
1911-1920	....	....	22.9	1941-1950	....	....	17.6
1921-1930	....	....	19.6	1951-1960	....	....	14.3
				1961-1965	....	....	16.8

STILLBIRTHS = 0

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	34.5
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	30.0
1921-1930	....	....	—	1951-1960	....	....	32.2
				1961-1965	....	....	11.9

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS = 93.3

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	54.7
1911-1920	....	....	65.0	1941-1950	....	....	82.9
1921-1930	....	....	69.8	1951-1960	....	....	61.4
				1961-1965	....	....	55.8

INFANTILE MORTALITY = 16.6

(per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	....	....	98.3	1931-1940	....	....	41.8
1911-1920	....	....	83.3	1941-1950	....	....	34.5
1921-1930	....	....	68.9	1951-1960	....	....	20.1
				1961-1965	....	....	15.7

NEONATAL MORTALITY = 11.0

(Deaths in first month per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	22.0
1911-1920	....	....	44.7	1941-1950	....	....	18.2
1921-1930	....	....	42.7	1951-1960	....	....	13.8
				1961-1965	....	....	12.0

PERINATAL MORTALITY = 11.0

(Stillbirths and first week deaths per 1,000 total births)

1921-1930	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	44.0
1931-1940	....	....	51.2	1951-1960	....	....	43.5
				1961-1965	....	....	23.8

TOTAL DEATH RATE = 9.1

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	....	....	15.6	1931-1940	....	....	12.2
1911-1920	....	....	13.2	1941-1950	....	....	12.0
1921-1930	....	....	12.4	1951-1960	....	....	10.8
				1961-1965	....	....	10.5

DISEASE OF HEART AND CIRCULATION = 2.54

1901-1910	....	....	1.36	1931-1940	....	....	2.95
1911-1920	....	....	1.51	1941-1950	....	....	3.18
1921-1930	....	....	1.96	1951-1960	....	....	3.37
				1961-1965	....	....	3.20

VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS
SYSTEM = 2.18

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	0.91
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	1.95
1921-1930	....	....	1.25	1951-1960	....	....	1.68
				1961-1965	....	....	1.50

MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS = 1.69

1901-1910	....	....	1.16	1931-1940	....	....	1.73
1911-1920	....	....	1.04	1941-1950	....	....	1.91
1921-1930	....	....	1.77	1951-1960	....	....	1.78
				1961-1965	....	....	2.34

RESPIRATORY DISEASES = 0.85

1901-1910	....	....	1.86	1931-1940	....	....	1.28
1911-1920	....	....	1.66	1941-1950	....	....	1.32
1921-1930	....	....	1.60	1951-1960	....	....	1.17
				1961-1965	....	....	1.22

INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES = 0

1901-1910	....	....	1.17	1931-1940	....	....	0.19
1911-1920	....	....	0.51	1941-1950	....	....	0.05
1921-1930	....	....	0.28	1951-1960	....	....	0.03
				1961-1965	....	....	0.03

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0

1901-1910	....	....	0.91	1931-1940	....	....	0.36
1911-1920	....	....	0.68	1941-1950	....	....	0.34
1921-1930	....	....	0.36	1951-1960	....	....	0.06
				1961-1965	....	....	0.06

NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0

1901-1910	....	....	0.72	1931-1940	....	....	0.12
1911-1920	....	....	0.21	1941-1950	....	....	0.14
1921-1930	....	....	0.16	1951-1960	....	....	0.05
				1961-1965	....	....	0

MATERNAL MORTALITY = 0
(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	1.39	1931-1940	....	....	2.28
1911-1920	....	....	2.17	1941-1950	....	....	1.03
1921-1930	....	....	2.56	1951-1960	....	....	1.85
				1961-1965	....	....	0

BIRTHS, 1967

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	91	73	164
Illegitimate	....	....	9	8	17
			—	—	—
		Total	100	81	181
Stillbirths	....	....	0	0	0

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1967

			Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	....	....	0	0	0
Infective and parasitic diseases	....		0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	....		0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus			2	0	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	....	....	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	....	....	—	0	0
Other malignant neoplasms	....	....	8	3	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	....	....	0	0	0
Diabetes	....	....	0	0	0
Vascular lesions, nervous system	....		10	8	18
Coronary disease, angina	....	....	9	3	12
Hypertension with heart disease	....		0	1	1
Other heart disease	....	....	0	5	5
Other circulatory disease	....	....	0	3	3
Influenza	....	....	0	1	1
Pneumonia	....	....	1	0	1
Bronchitis	....	....	4	1	5
Other respiratory diseases	....	....	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach, duodenum	....	....	1	0	1
Gastritis, enteritis	....	....	0	0	0
Nephritis	....	....	0	0	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	....	....	0	—	0
Pregnancy, childbirth	....	....	—	0	0
Congenital malformations	....	....	2	0	2
Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	1	0	1
All other accidents	....	....	0	0	0
Suicide	....	....	0	1	1
All other causes	....	....	2	8	10
			—	—	—
		Total	40	35	75

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases in 1967

					Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	1	1
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	0	0
					—	—	—
			Total	....	0	1	1

Total cases on Register

					Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....		8	5	13
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	1	1
					—	—	—
			Total	....	8	6	14

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Three infants died in the first year of life from prematurity, congenital malformations and intestinal obstruction respectively.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE
notified during the year 1967

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED							
	At all Ages.	According to Age						
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65
Small-pox	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Food Poisoning	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Diphtheria	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Erysipelas	1	::	::	::	::	::	1	::
Scarlet Fever	1	::	1	::	::	::	::	::
Paratyphoid Fever B	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Puerperal Pyrexia	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Acute Encephalitis	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	::	::	1	::	::	::	::
Other forms of Tuberculosis	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Measles	10	::	5	4	1	::	::	::
Primary Pneumonia	1	::	::	::	::	::	1	::
Influenzal Pneumonia	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Whooping Cough	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Dysentery	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Encephalitis Lethargica	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Totals	14	::	6	5	1	::	2	::

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-51

An elderly, physically handicapped woman, living in insanitary conditions, was removed to Part III accommodation.

WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY RURAL DISTRICT, 1967

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby R.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Rural and Urban Districts combined or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	181
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	....	0
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	....	17
Males	....	....	....	....	....	....	100
Females	....	....	....	....	....	....	81

2. PREMATURE BABIES Babies weighing 5½lbs. or less at Birth.

(i) Born at home	....	....	....	....	Alive	0
					Stillborn	0
(ii) Born in hospital	....	....	....	....	Alive	11
					Stillborn	0
					Total	11

3. HEALTH VISITING (Division No. 10 as a whole).

			First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	....	167	41	208
Children under 1	....	....	824	2975	3799
Children between 1 and 5	....	....	2635	5040	7675
Other cases	....	....	—	5305	5305
			—	—	—
		Total	3626	13361	16987

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Total number attending Paediatric Consultant	0
Total number attending County Oculist	135
Number ordered Spectacles	46
Number attending Speech Therapy	0
Total number inspected in School by School M.O.	249
Total number inspected in School by School Nurse	2041
Total number of verminous heads	25
Tests for subnormality	0
Re-examinations	1
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	0
Reported to M.D.A. for care and guidance	0
Recommended for special schools	1
Attending special schools	3
Audiometry tests by School Nurse	85
Audiometry tests by School M.O.	25

The following defects were found at medical inspections :

	Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	25	—
Skin	2	2
Vision	22	9
Other eye conditions	1	4
Hearing	1	5
Other ear defects	1	5
Nose and throat	2	22
Speech	—	7
Cervical glands	—	16
Heart and circulation	—	3
Lungs	—	1
Developmental	2	4
Orthopaedic	4	7
Nervous system	—	1
Psychological	1	—
Enuresis	4	2
Other conditions	—	5

6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

Confined in Hospital:

Leeds Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	5
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	95
Goole Borough Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	6
Others	....	....	....	....	16
Total					<hr/> 122

County Midwives:

There were 32 domiciliary confinements in Selby Rural District.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of Midwives	....	8
Number of cases	....	313
Gas and air analgesia	....	0
Trilene analgesia	....	224

7. HOME NURSING (Division 10 as a whole).

Number of Nurses	....	7
Number of cases completed	....	486
Number of visits	....	12095

8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 84,893 hours attending cases in the Division.

The following (Selby Rural cases were attended:—

Maternity	....	1
Chronic Sick (Over 65)	....	24
Chronic Sick (Under 65)	....	0
Others	....	3
Total		<hr/> 28

9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA during 1967

Children under 5 years	....	....	....	....	103
Children over 5 years	....	....	....	....	1
					<hr/> 104
Booster doses	....	....	....	....	153
					<hr/> Total 176

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1967

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Total Under 15
Number	48	366	418	424	1256
Percentage	84.5		85.3		85.1

10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH during 1967.

Under 6 months	....	....	....	....	....	32
6 to 12 months	....	....	....	....	....	16
1 to 2 years	....	....	....	....	....	55
2 to 3 years	....	....	....	....	....	—
3 to 4 years	....	....	....	....	....	—
					Total	<hr/> 103

11. B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN (13 years of age).

Number of acceptances in 1967	....	43
Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests:		
Positive (not requiring vaccination)	4	(9.8%)
Negative (requiring vaccination)	37	(90.2%)
	<hr/> 41	
Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	....	<hr/>37

12. VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

Total registered to 31st December, 1967	....	3635
Vaccinated	....	3578

13. MENTAL HEALTH.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The number of persons under care and guidance at the end of 1967 was as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Psychopathic	0	0	0
Mentally ill	2	6	8
Subnormal	7	8	15
Severely Subnormal	1	3	4

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Mental Welfare Officers during 1967 were as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Emergency Admissions	2	4	6
Admission for Observation	2	3	5
Admission for Treatment	0	0	0
Informal Admission	7	10	17

14. MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY 1967.

The Unit visited Cawood and Carlton and 287 persons were X-rayed.

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:—

Goole Borough (1,267 acres)	Selby Urban (3,883 acres)
Goole Rural (38,238 acres)	Selby Rural (33,304 acres)
Area of the Division	76,692 acres
Population (Estimated mid-1967)	46,780
(Census 1961)	44,533

DIVISIONAL HEALTH OFFICE AND STAFF

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Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer:

MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer:

EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

School Dental Officer:

P. F. A. 'ELTOME, L.D.S.

Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss D. M. E. GOLDTHORPE.

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss M. M. CHOONG, Mrs. M. DODSON, Miss O. DAWODU, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss D. M. ROBINSON, Mrs. A. SUTHERLAND (part-time).

Assistants: Mrs. M. D. GARDNER, Mrs. F. JARY, Mrs. E. A. ZAPH.

Home Nurses:

Mrs. H. B. BEAUMONT, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN, Mrs. M. LUND, Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. V. HARRIS, Mrs. S. E. HERRON, Mrs. J. SAWDON.

Domiciliary Midwives:

Mrs. M. M. APPLEBY, Miss E. CLAYTON, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Miss H. ELLIS, Mrs. D. FRANKLIN, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Mrs. A. G. HORSFIELD, Miss E. D. LAKING.

Mental Health Officers:

Mr. T. G. FOSTER, Miss M. J. HURLEY.

Rawcliffe Training Centre: (Rawcliffe 387)-

Supervisor: Miss C. S. LOGAN. Staff: Mrs. A. ALVEY, Mr. J. BEAMSON, Mrs. E. GOODALL, Mr. R. C. HUNT, Mrs. J. ELLIS, Mrs. A. W. JARVILL, Mrs. E. ROSE.

Snaith Day Centre:

Instructors: Mr. G. H. PURCHON, Mrs. R. H. KERSHAW.

Speech Therapy:

Vacant.

Welfare Officer:

Mr. D. HIRST.

Clerical:

Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL. Deputy Senior Clerk: Mr. G. N. NOWILL. Mrs. N. ALMOND, Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Mrs. M. E. BRYARS (part-time), Miss K. KISTELL, Mr. J. LAWTON, Miss S. H. MILEHAM, Mrs. M. READSHAW (part-time), Mrs. J. E. TAYLOR.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1967

Water Supply.

Water is supplied to the whole district by the Pontefract, Goole and Selby Water Board from boreholes in the red sandstone at Brayton Barff. Chlorination is carried out by the Board, who have a comprehensive scheme in hand for improvement of the supplies throughout their area.

The Board submit samples regularly for chemical and bacteriological samples, and no complaints have been received during the year from consumers.

Sewerage.

The following villages have main sewerage systems: Barlow, Brayton, Camblesforth, Carlton and Thorpe Willoughby.

A scheme in respect of Hambleton has been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government but approval has not yet been given. The condition of the main watercourse through this village has given rise to anxiety for some years, and it is in my opinion essential that this particular sewerage scheme should be carried out without delay.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have also prepared a scheme for the village of Drax, and this will be submitted for approval to the Minister at an early date. A large electricity generating station is now under construction in this Parish, and it is anticipated that this will stimulate building development in the area.

A preliminary survey of the village of Cawood is now being undertaken, and it is anticipated that a scheme for this village will shortly be produced.

Of the remaining villages, Wistow and Burn are those most in need of main sewerage.

Sewage treatment plants are maintained at Carlton, Thorpe Willoughby and Burn, but owing to the considerable increase in population in Thorpe Willoughby, a new treatment plant is proposed at Hambleton, which will cater for both Hambleton and Thorpe Willoughby.

In those parishes in which main sewers have been laid, not all properties have yet been connected, and this has resulted in the continued pollution of some watercourses. One wonders

whether the powers of local authorities should be strengthened in order to adequately deal with this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

House refuse is collected weekly throughout the district by motor vehicles and is disposed of by tipping on three Council owned tips. Every effort is made to adhere to the recommendations of the Ministry of Health on controlled tipping, but owing to the remote situations of the tips, and their indiscriminate use by members of the public, control is extremely difficult.

A bulldozer is hired to give regular attention to levelling the tips, and few complaints are received from the public.

Housing and Public Health Inspections.

The routine inspection of house property is carried out whenever possible and complaints are investigated without delay.

It has been found possible to effect remedies by a personal visit to the owner or by an informal notice, and it was not necessary to issue any statutory notices during the year.

Two houses have been closed by formal action under the Housing Acts and the tenants rehoused.

30 applications for Standard Improvements Grants were approved during the year, and grants of £20 each were made under the Public Health Acts to the owners of 12 houses for the conversion of earth closets to water closets.

Food Inspection.

Regular inspection of food premises has been maintained, and the general level of cleanliness in these establishments remains very satisfactory.

There are three private slaughterhouses in the district, two of which are used only in connection with one butcher's shop and the other supplies four shops.

The quality of the animals slaughtered has been remarkably high, and all carcasses are inspected at the time of slaughter. It has been necessary to condemn only a small amount of offal for minor conditions. No carcase meat was condemned.

Rodent Control.

The Council now have 93 contracts with farmers in the district. Treatment is given free to private dwellings, but a charge is made for any work done on business premises. Refuse tips are treated regularly, and no infestation of even medium proportions has been discovered during the year.

New Housing.

New houses have been erected within the district as follows

By Council—Nil.	By Private Developers—205.
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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

All premises have been inspected and registered under the above Act. Minor infringements were found in a small number of cases, and compliance has been effected by informal action.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Part I.—Inspections.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.s	2	8	0	0
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.s	46	48	0	0
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.s	0	0	0	0
Total	48	56	0	0

Part I.—Defects.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to HMI	Referred by HMI	Prosecu- tions insti- tuted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences insuffi- cient, unsuitable or defective (S.7)	3	3	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	4	0	0	0

Part VIII Outworkers.--Nil.

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